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Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin. GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday February 2nd 1920 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the reports of the several Town officers and Committees, or act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year, the following to be on one ballot, viz , Town Clerk, Treasurer, Three Selectmen, One Assessor for three years, One School Committee for three years, Two Library Trustees for three years, One Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Three Constables, Tree Warden, Tax Collector. Also to bring in ballots, Yes or No. in answer to the following question: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?

ART. 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen. to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year to an amount not exceeding the tax levy and to issue a note or notes hereafter payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year, or act thereon.

ART 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $150 for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be paid to and expended by G A. R Post 171. or act thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in care and preservation of shade trees, or act thereon.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to employ a School Physician, in accordance with Chapter 502, Acts of 1906, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1595 to pay the interest and Sixteenth bond of the Bennett's Meadow Bridge Debt, or act thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1495 to apply on High School and Memorial Hall Debt, or act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for oiling the principal streets, or act thereon

ART. 11. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $2,150 for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

ART. 13. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town, or act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $150 for care and preservation of cemeteries, or act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways for the repair and improvement of the roads and highways, Exclusive of State Highways, and raise and appropriate the sum $5,325 for that purpose, or act thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the Number five School House property, or act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will accept the sum of $300.00 in trust and apply the interest to the care of burial lots of Charles Dwight Merriman and Cornelius Hilliard, or act thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will pass a vote to resind the former vote ordering the publishing of the Valuation and Tax list each year, or act thereon.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to renovate the center School rooms and put them in Sanitary condition, or act thereon

ART. 21. To see if the Town of Northfield will join with one or more near by Towns for the purpose of employing a so called Public Health or Community Nurse, or act thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of such a Nurse, or act thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to refund the amount over paid by Mrs A. K. McLennan on account of taxes for the years 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917 and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will appropriate $100.00 to be paid to the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of and for the purposes of Chapter 273, Acts of 1918, or for the support of demonstration work under the direction of the agent or instructors of

the Trustees on land owned by the town or any resident there of, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART 25. To see if the Town will choose a director in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 273, Acts of 1918, Section 1, to serve for one year or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the payment of unpaid School bills for the year 1919, or act thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will authorize an increase in payment for the services of the selectmen, or act thereon.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to retain a fiscal agent for the administration of the affairs of the town, or act thereon.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $15.00 to maintain one Electrict light on Maple St. opposite the residence of Frank Heald, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrent by posting up attested copies thereof at The Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, Northfield Farms, West Northfield, and at the School House in District No. 6, seven days at least before the time of nolding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Give under our hands this fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

H. H. CROSIER,
C. S. TENNEY,
Selectmen of Northfield.

CONDITION OF THE TOWN

Assets

Cash	$11 381 59
Taxes 1918	1,178 46
Taxes 1919	4.228 86
	$16,788 91

Liabilities

Tax Loans	$8,000 00
Loan Acct.	8,600 00
H. H Crosier	250 00
C. S.Tenney	175 00
B. F. Field	315 00
	$17,340 00
In addition to above approved bills from School Committee	$289 88
	$17,629 88

Bonded Debt

Bennett's Meadow Bridge	$17.000 00
High School	11,000 00
	$28,000 00

January 1, 1920.

BENJAMIN F. FIELD,
Town Accountant.

Town Officers

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

Warren J. Wright

SELECTMEN

H. H. Crosier C. S. Tenney

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ralph O. Leach	Term expires 1920
D. McD. Ross	Term expires 1921
Frank L. Duley	Term expires 1922

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Blanche M. Welch	Term expires 1920
S. Catherine Richardson	Term expires 1920
Frank L. Duley	Term expires 1921
Rosco H. Philbrick	Term expires 1921
Norman P. Wood	Term expires 1922
George L. Thompson	Term expires 1922

LIBRARIAN

Mrs C. A. Randall

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

George N. Kidder	Term expires 1920
Frank V. Wood	Term expires 1921
C. I. Holton	Term expires 1922

CONSTABLES

Fred W. Doane L. O. Clapp Anson O. Howard

ASSESSORS

F. W. Williams	Term expires 1920
J. L. Hammond	Term expires 1922
C. E Leach	Term expires 1922

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Benjamin F. Field

TREE WARDEN

Arnold Holton

FENCE VIEWERS

Dwight Preston Frank V. Wood G. O. Dunnell

FIELD DRIVERS

J. L. Dunnell L. R. Smith R. E. Shearer

POUND KEEPER

Lucky O. Clapp

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER

C. R. Nelson R. O. Leach George W. Piper
E. E. Aldrich H. A. Reed Lawrence Quinlan

TAX COLLECTOR

Lucky O. Clapp

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Merritt C. Skilton

FIRE WARDENS

Fred W. Doane George W. Piper
Frank H. Montague Henry C. Holton
Frank Kendrick

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

John T. Callaghan Frank H. Montague Fred A. Holton

INSPECTORS OF PROVISIONS

Frank E. Heald Jones J. Fisher Ernest C. Field

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Frank E. Heald

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Fred W. Doane

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fred A. Irish

Report of Selectmen

We respectfully submit for your consideration our report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1919.

General Work and Repairs

We have completed all work and repairs for which special appropriations were made at the last annual meeting in February The repairs on the A. M. D. Alexander property called for new sills, floors and partitions in the barn, straightening up of two sheds, one new roof. All buildings were given one coat of paint at a total cost of $430.03.

A cement apron was put on to the west side of Mill Brook Bridge and a water way cut through the accumulation of stone and dirt which had formed below the bridge. This work was necessary in order to carry the water away from the abutments which were being undermined. The West side rock embankment is in need of repair and may have to be rebuilt with the state road. Approp. $150.00 Cost $149.00.

The side walk on south side of Warwick Ave. is now complete from Main to East St. and is a decided improvement. Approp. $200.00 Cost $182.33.

We were obliged to make repairs on the roof of the Town Hall as we found not only the slate badly broken but rafters and roof boards some what decayed. This work cost $120.10 and we regret to say that this is about the limit for repairing this roof.

We have installed sanitation and needed improvments in the Northfield Farms School and Hall. Approp. $512.00 Cost $666.25.

Millers Brook Bridge

The contract for Millers Brook bridge was let July 18th but work was delayed on account of the heavy rains at this time. When excavation for the piers was made to the depth of four feet below the water line as required by the specifications we discovered that the only foundation to be had was soft blue clay. We considered it a waste of time and money to build under these conditions, and after consulting with the State Engineer decided to put in a timber and concrete base, below the one specified, and to make it two feet larger each way for more bearing surface. This called for extra excavation, concrete and timber work and 6500 ft. of chestnut plank for the two piers. The cost of all labor and material that entered into this construction was $511.00 This with the contract price of the bridge amounted to $4575.00 against an appropriation of $4576.49. The cost of the railings, and grading the approaches was $276.00

and payment for same was taken from the Highway appropriation making the total cost of the bridge $4851. There has been some criticism regarding the cement railings on this bridge, which under the present conditions may be justified. A few days after these railings were put in place we notified the Highway Commission, and after going over their survey of the road, and plans of the bridge they refused to make any alterations, claiming that the construction was right for the re-location of the road which will eventually become an improved or State Highway. We did not feel like being too arbitrary in this matter as it may prove an incentive for the state to rebuild this section of road at an early date.

Fire Department

The Town has been fortunate in the past year in having but four fires. The department was also called to fires in Vernon, So. Vernon, and Winchester. These towns have reimbursed Northfield for all expense on their account. The efficiency of the department has been much benefited by the addition of the Forest Fire fighting equipment and the thirty seven chemical extinguishers have been distributed at the Farms, Northfield Mountain, East and West Northfield and at the Center. The cost of this equipment was $486.96 and the State will reimburse the Town $243.48.

Poor Department

The expense of the Poor Department has not been more than usual, with the exception of tuberculosis Hospital cases of which we have had several These have all been discharged, and there is reimbursement due the Town from the State and other sources $409.47. At present we have only local cases to aid.

Highways

The Winter and Spring of 1919 were considered the most destructive for highways all over the State of any that have been experienced for years, and we have had our full share in this respect. More labor, and expense were required in the early Spring and Summer to put our roads in passable condition, than our highway appropriation would warrant, and it is unfortunate that the heavy rains have undone so much of the work. The washouts which came nearly every week during the Summer were the greatest hinderance to needed improvements, labor and teams cost nearly double what they did five years ago, and the wear and tear on the roads by automobiles has nearly trebled. Almost every bridge and culvet had to be rebuilt or repaired. It was necessary to build new bridges on the Farms, Warwick and Erving roads. Two large metal

culverts were installed on Warwick Ave., and four at the Farms, as the old ones were beyond repair. Highland Ave. has been re-surfaced and railings put up on the Gulf road.

We regret that the State was unable to rebuild this fall the section of highway extending from Mill Brook bridge to Pine St. and for which an appropriation of $5300 was made at a special Town Meeting. The State Highway Commission agreed to start this work as soon as the Towns share of the cost was available, however, the work was delayed until the season was so far advanced that it was not considered practical to spread the asphalt necessary for its construction. The contract has been let to the Lane Construction Co. and work will be started as soon as possible next Spring. As the fiscal year of the Town draws to a close and plans are shaping for another year it my be well to consider at this time an act of the Legislature. "Chapter 155 General Acts of 1918 to an act provideing for the improvement and repairing of highways in small towns of low valuation and a high mileage of highways, to maintain their roads. Under this Act Northfield having 71 miles of roads would have to raise $5325 which amount is based on a percentage of its valuation and Section 1. Towns having a road mileage valuation of twenty thousand dollars and less than thirty thousand dollars, seventy five dollars per mile, the State will contribute for its share at the rate of fifty dollars per mile, $3550 which is taken from the Motor Vehicle Fees fund, making the total amount available for road work $8875.

All road work will be done under the Supervision of the State Highway Commission which will deal directly with the town through the Selectmen, holding the latter responsible for the carrying out of the terms of the contract.

The acceptance by the Town of this act will necessarily involve considerable extra work for your board of Selectmen but we feel as if the roads are a more serious proposition at this time than most people realize, and some plan must be formulated whereby the repairs and maintainance can be put on a business basis, and this must be done before you can ever receive the full value of the Hghway appropriation. We have stated this act as it stands at the present time but the Highway Commission may add more strict regulations in the administration of the funds of this act for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. CROSIER,
C. S. TENNEY,
Selectmen of Northfield.

CHAPTER 155, GENERAL ACTS OF 1918.

An Act

TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS IN SMALL TOWNS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. There may be expended from the treasury of the commonwealth for the repair and improvement of public ways, exclusive of state highways, in towns the valuation of which, determined as provided in section four, is less than three million dollars and in which the amount of such valuation, divided by the number of miles of such public ways, hereinafter referred to as road mileage valuation, is less than fifty thousand dollars, such sums, not exceeding fifty dollars per mile, as the general court may from time to time appropriate therefor: provided, however, that such towns shall contribute or make available for use in connection therewith the following graded amounts for each and every mile of said public ways within their respective limits:—

Towns having a road mileage valuation of twenty thousand dollars and less than thirty thousand dollars, seventy-five dollars.

The amounts appropriated as aforesaid and contributed by the towns shall be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts highway commission on such ways as the commission and selectmen of the towns may from time to time agree upon.

SECTION 2. The said expenditures shall be made only upon the written petition of the selectmen of the towns, containing such information as the said commission may require. No work shall be done under this act in any district where dwelling houses or structures devoted to business are situated at intervals averaging less then two hundred feet for the distance of a quarter of a mile.

SECTION 3. The said towns may contract with the said commission for the performance of the work authorized hereby; or, if the right to do so is waived by the selectmen, the commission may have the work done by such persons and in such manner as it may determine, in which event the towns shall pay their proportionate part of the expense when and as ordered by said commission. The cost of any materials, machinery or tools purchased by the commission for or on account of the work in any particular town shall be considered as a part of the expenditures in such town under this act; and such machinery or tools shall be the property of the commonwealth.

SECTION 4. Said commission shall from time to time determine, as nearly as possible, the number of miles of such public ways in towns the valuation of which is less than three million dollars, and shall inform the selectmen of such towns of the contributions required under this act, the valuation of each town to be determined by the apportionments made for the collection of state and county taxes.

SECTION 5. The commission may expend during the present year, if it deems each expenditure necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, from the receipts of motor vehicle fees.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(Approved April 20, 1918.)

Distribution of the Elisha Alexander Fund

Mrs. Mary Driscoll	$7 00
Mrs. Amelia Marsh	15 00
Miss Hattie Hilliard	15 00
Mrs. Leon Miller	7 00
Mrs. Dwight Smith	7 00
	$51 00

Report of Treasurer

Town of Northfield in Account with

W. J. Wright, Treasurer, Cr.

By balance, from previous years account	$9,694	38
BY CASH—		
Crocker Savings Ins. account D. Clowes and B. Gage Cem. Int.	14	27
District Court account Fines	10	00
H. H. Crosier account F. Holton Cemetery Int.	2	93
Dr. N. P. Wood Old Home Day	48	86
C. S. Tenney account F. Lane Cemetery Int.	3	40
County Treasurer Dog fund (returned)	65	40
B. F. Field account Rent of School lot	25	00
H.M. Haskel laccount Oleomargrine License		50
	$9,864	74

BY CASH—		
State Treasurer account Hospital for Comsump.	$25	00
State Treasurer account Income Tax	157	00
F. A. Welch account Check returned	2	00
Oscar Wood account State Aid	4	00
B. F. Field account Town Hall rent	42	00
StateTreasurer account Mass. School fund	593	53
Jos. W. Field account Auctioneers License	2	00
Greenfield Savings Bank account Tem. Loan (due Apr.1st, 1920)	8000	00
Belcher Coupons account Dickinson M. Library	400	00
Belcher Coupons account Center Cemetery	30	00
Belcher Coupons account Center School	30	00
State Treasurer account Income Tax	35	00
Greenfield Savings Bank account Tem. Loan(Settled)	6000	00
James H. Crelan account Auction-		

eers License	2 00
Greenfield Savings Bank account Tem. Loan (Settled)	6000 00
	$21,340 53

BY CASH—

E. F. Howard account Tuition from Vernon	54 00
H. H. Crosier account Gasoline Licenses:—	10 50
N. W. Keet	
C. E. Williams	
A. J. Monat	
J. W. Barber	
Robbins and Evans	
H. A. Lewis	
Northfield Hotel Co.	

BY CASH—

State Treasurer account Income Tax	105 00
Northfield Seminary account Road Oil	160 00
Northfield Hotel Co. account Road Oil	160 00
E. Crosby and Co. account Gravel	5 10
R. C. Kenney account Check returned	4 00
L. R. Smith account Ex. Est. J. W. Cowles Cem. Int.	250 00
	$748 60

BY CASH—

Town of Winchester N. H. account Fighting fire	9 00
T. W. Johnson account Bridge Plank	3 60
State Treasurer account Inspection of Animals	39 50
Town of Vernon account Fighting fire	9 50
Greenfield Savings Bank account Millers Brook Bridge	2,200 00
loan $1,100 with Int. due October 15, 1919 (Paid)	
$1,100 with Int. due October 15, 1920.	
Greenfield Savings Bank account	

Millers Brook Bridge and State Highway loan $1,360 with Int. due annually for five yrs. (1st payment due Sept. 15, 1920)	6,800 00
B. F. Field account Rent A. M. D. A. Est.	150 00
B. F. Field account Rent Town Hall	42 00
B. F. Field account Memorial day returned	14 35
	$9,267 95

BY CASH—

E. F. Howard account Tuition	$166 50
State Treasurer account Supt. of Schools	437 50
U. S. Treasury account West Nfld. Cemetery Int.	27 63
E. F. Howard account Tuition	18 00
Belcher Coupons account Center School	30 00
Belcher Coupons account Center Cemetery	30 00
Belcher Coupons account Dickinson Mem. Library	120 00
Town of Vernon account Fighting fire	11 00
	$840 63

BY CASH—

State Treasurer account Corporation Tax P. S.	$239 28
State Treasurer account Corporation Tax Business	145 52
State Treasurer account Income Tax General purpose	330 00
State Treasurer account Income Tax School fund	620 00
State Treasurer account National Bank Tax	70 74
State Treasurer account Soldiers exemption	20 96
State Treasurer account State Aid	306 00
	$1,732 50

BY CASH—

Greenfield Savings Bank account Highway loan (due Nov. 1, 1920)	$700 00
State Treasurer account Income Tax	70 00
Belcher Coupons account Dickinson Mem. Library	22 00
District Court account Fines	11 06
State Treasurer account Highway Comm.	6 40
Belcher Coupons account Dickinson Mem. Library	195 00
	$1,004 46

BY CASH—

Greenfield Savings Bank account Cemetery fund Int.:—	
account S. A. Holton	$9 09
J. L. Mattoon	4 55
Jas. Pickard	4 55
Levi Fay	6 82
Sarah Minot	6 82
Louis Stratton	4 55
Alvin Long	2 28
	$38 66

BY CASH—

Franklin Savings Ins. account Cemetery fund Interest:	
Chas. Alexander	$9 09
Jas. White	4 55
A. M. D. Alexander	13 64
Miss Gang	4 55
Adeline Moody	4 55
E and E Stratton	4 55
A and A Sawyer	4 55
Wm. H. Stratton	4 55
M. A. and E. Belcher	45 50
Elijah E. Belding	4 55
Elijah Belding	5 67
Lucy M. Webster	22 75
Augusta L. Day	4 55
	$133 05

BY CASH—

Greenfield Savings Bank account Surplus Revenue (Schools)	72 81
Franklin Savings Ins. account M. A. and E. Belcher (Center School)	45 50

Franklin Savings Ins. account Dickinson Mem. Library	1 66
Bureau of Statistics account Certification check returned	2 00
B. F. Field account Town Hall rent	24 00
M. C. Skilton account Sealer of W. and Measures	43 82
Charles E. Leach account Rent Union Hall	17 35
Geo. N. Kidder account Sale Cemetery lots	150 00
	$357 14

BY CASH—	
L. O. Clapp Coll. account 1917 Taxes (Settled)	$640 92
L. O. Clapp Coll. account 1918 Taxes	3,270 80
L. O. Clapp Coll. account 1919 Taxes	33,050 00
L. O. Clapp Coll. account Interest on 1917 Taxes	25 48
L. O. Clapp account Interest on 1918 Taxes	82 09
	$82,397 55

DR.

To paid Treasury Warrants	$71,015 96
To Balance Cash on hand	11,381 59
	$82,397 55

Respectfully Submitted,

WARREN J. WRIGHT,

Town Treasurer

Northfield, Mass. Jan. 1, 1920.

Report of Treasurer

West Northfield Cemetery Fund

Through the efforts of Mr. Edward D. Priest of Schnectady, N. Y., Mr. Charles A. Parker and Mrs C. I. Holton of Northfield a fund of $2,8100 has been raised, the interest of which is to be used for care and improvement of West Northfield Cemetery.

CONTRIBUTORS

Edward D. Priest	$1,100 00
Dwight L. Preston	50 00
Carry M. Preston	50 00
Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Holton	100 00
Edgar E. Aldrich	100 00
F. Leslie Tyler	50 00
Ella L. Tyler	50 00
Chas. P. Dickinson	50 00
Dr. Geo. F. Barber	50 00
Wm. H. Caldwell	100 00
Harry C. Gates	50 00
George Witt	50 00
Harry Howe	25 00
Mrs. Emma Green	25 00
Mrs. Sarah Dickinson	25 00
Mrs. Henry Goodell	25 00
Miss Elene Leonard	25 00
Forest B. Estabrook	25 00
P. W. Preston	25 00
George W. Snow	25 00
Frank B. Holton	25 00
Mrs. Stella M. Holton	25 00
Mrs. Rose Pickett	50 00
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Corser	50 00
Mrs. Sarah J. B. Thompson	100 00
Mrs. Chas. Merrill	20 00
E. A. Fairman	20 00
Mrs. Edward Humes	15 00
Mrs. Ella Philips	10 00
George M. Dent	10 00
Wm. Hilliard	10 00
Mrs. Lizzie Lewis	10 00
S. Betts and F. Caldwell	10 00

Mrs. Geo. Reed	10 00
Miss Mary C. Morgan	5 00
Mrs. Ella Parker Paine	50 00
Charles A. Parker	50 00
Mrs. Exie Weeks	25 00
Mrs. Joseph D. Smith	10 00
Miss Mable Williard	100 00
Arthur Parker	100 00
Geo. Hilliard	5 00
Mrs. Wm. Dickinson $500(?)	unpaid
Alice L. Priest	10 00
	$2,810 00

INVESTED

Franklin Savings Ins. book No. 45345	$1,205 00
Greenfield Savings Bank book No. 26395	305 00
United States Bonds	200 00
United States Bonds	1100 00
	$2,810 00

Respectfully Submitted,

WARREN J. WRIGHT,

Town Treasurer,

January 1, 1920.

Trust Funds

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cemetery Funds, Greenfield Savings Bank

No. 19838	S. A. Holton,	$200 00
No. 20865	J. L. Mattoon,	100 00
No. 12719	Jas. Pickard,	100 00
No. 15962	Levi Fay,	150 00
No. 12806	Sarah Minot,	150 00
No. 23751	Lois Stratton,	100 00
No. 23927	Alvin Long,	50 00
No. 26167	M. D. Stratton,	100 00
No. 26145	Chas. Blackmer,	50 00
No. 26473	Eliza Groves,	51 69

Cemetery Funds, Franklin Savings Institution

No. 18761	Charles Alexander,	$200 00
No. 28960	James White,	100 00
No. 26642	A. M. D. Alexander,	300 00
No. 31621	Miss Gang,	100 00
No. 17631	Adaline W. Moody,	100 00
No. 14540	E. and E. Stratton,	100 00
No. 16813	A. and A. Sawyer,	100 00
No. 17136	Wm. H. Stratton,	100 00
No. 29987	M.A. and E. Belcher,	1,000 00
No. 36794	Elijah E. Belding,	100 00
No. 36793	Elijah Belding	125 00
No. 36375	Lucy M. Webster,	500 00
No. 41709	Augusta L. Day,	100 00

Crocker Institution for Savings

No. 15806	Gage and Clewes,	$100 00

Greenfield Savings Bank

No. 1894	Surplus revenue (schools),	$1,600 00

Franklin Savings Institution

No. 29986	M. A. and E. Belcher Center School,	$1,000 00

Belcher Trust Funds to Dickinson Memorial Library

No. 792	Bonds, Southern Bell Tel. and Tel. Co. Interest July and Jan. 5 per cent.,	$500 00
No. 18229	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light and Power Co. Interest Jan. and July, 4½ per cent.	$1,000 00

No. 13074 Bonds, A, B, C, D, E, Inter State Mortgage Trust Co. Interest due April 1 at 5½ per cent.,	5,000 00
No. 11661, No 13349, No. 13350 (3) Great Western Power Co., $1,000. Interest due Jan. 1 and July 1 at 5 per cent ,	3,000 00
No. 13298 Bond, Inter State Mortgage Trust Co. Interest due May 1 and Nov. 1, 6 per cent.,	2000 00
No. C11, No. C12, No. C23, No. C24 (4) $100 Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Co. Interest due June 1 and Dec. 1 at 5½ per cent.,	400 00
No. 749. Topeka Edison Co. Interest due Jan. and July, 5 per cent.,	1,000 00
No. 2494 Joplin and Pittsburg Rail Co. Interest, March and Sept., 5 per cent..	1,000 00
No. 32450 Franklin Savings Institution,	37 00
Total	$13,937 00
Interstate Certificate J. W. Cowles	$2,000 00
No. 13479A Bond, Interstate Belcher Center School,	$1,000 00
No. 3479B Bond, Interstate Belcher Center Cemetery,	$1,000

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. WRIGHT,

Treasurer.

Northfield, Mass., January, 1920,

VITAL STATISTICS FOR NORTHFIELD, (1919)

Date of death		Yrs.	mos.	dys.
Jan. 4	Samuel C. Holton	74	11	10
Jan. 24	Ellen B. McDonald	52	8	23
Jan. 24	Jennie S. Davis	75	7	18
Jan. 26	Margaret H. Stratton	82	7	8
Feb. 4	Eris L. Ditty	81	1	5
Feb. 8	Jaduiga Jamsekouiski			
Feb. 18	Infant Tenney			
Feb. 18	Oscar Wood	86	10	22
Mar. 18	Laura P. Field	65	4	5
Mar. 25	Mary E. Dickinson	79	10	8
Apr. 24	Arthur H. Vile	30	7	17
Apr. 21	Micheal C. Malley	86		
Apr. 26	Nancy Thayer	71		23
May 26	John W. Madison	71	2	7
June 20	Miretta Elmer	81	2	10
July 13	Mary R. Purdy	84	4	21
Aug. 2	Norman Hull		6	
Aug. 18	Emma A. Hilliard	69	4	26
Aug. 20	Ransom C. Kenney	72	5	10
Aug. 31	John P. Sjoberg	62	10	7
Sept. 14	Rose A. Holton	61		11
Sept. 15	Infant Polhemus			
Oct. 29	Infant Ross			
Nov. 4	Clinton Whitaker	68	10	19
Nov. 8	Emaline E. Snow	81	4	25
Dec. 14	Dorathea S. Hewitt	8		1
Dec. 20	Ruth A. Hewitt	5	1	
Dec. 19	Louisa C. DeWolf	67	10	28
Dec. 21	Anna C. Merrill	65	5	11

Compared with last year the deaths are 14 less; births just the same; and marriages exceed by 12;

Respectfully Submitted
W. J. Wright
Town Clerk

Report of Town Accountant

HIGHWAYS

Labor and Teams

JANUARY	
G. W. Piper	$10 37
E. H. Whitcomb	7 50
MARCH	
J. H. Dalton	3 50
C. I. Holton	29 25
F. W. Moore	1 00
APRIL	
G. W. Piper	10 90
H. W. Bardwell	3 00
E. A. Kenney	3 00
O. S. Fisher	26 00
C. I. Tenney	105 00
Chas. Field	12 00
N. E. Culvet Co.	38 10
A. H. Irish	23 00
E. H. Whitcomb	49 50
J. E. Quinlan	91 00
L. Quinlan	56 00
H. G. Clough	6 00
F. E. Clough	7 50
C. S. Tenney	55 00
MAY	
E. H. Whitcomb	33 00
G. O. Dunnell	85 15
Do.	58 00
F. O'Clair	3 00
J. O'Clair	1 66
Do.	1 66
J. Quinland	40 25
G. Piper	128 00
L. Quinlan	7 00
G. H. Slate	34 50
J. J. Fisher	22 50
L. J. Dresser	24 00
J. J. Fisher	52 50
J. Ransom	13 50
O. S. Fisher	40 00
H. O. Russell	6 00
Dana Fisher	28 50

Henry Johnson	$28 00
H. O. Russell	17 00
A. H. Irish	9 00
W. B. Dresser	5 33
G. O. Dunnell	68 00
G. W. Piper	36 00
John Dale	18 00
E. A. Kenney	3 00
T. G. Darbey	3 00
J. Quinlan	49 00
E. H. Whitcomb	31 50
JUNE	
G. W. Piper	36 00
C. I. Holton	5 32
E. H. Whitcomb	48 00
H. G. Johnson	22 52
H. O. Russell	30 00
G. O. Dunnell	105 00
Dana Fisher	15 00
O. S. Fisher	70 00
H. S. Porter	15 00
C. H. Bellow	15 00
C. S. Tenney	76 50
F. H. Montague	45 90
L. W. Pratt	20 50
E. H. Whitcomb	13 50
F. J. Brassor	40 88
H. O. Russell	19 50
W. B. Dresser	37 37
JULY	
W. B. Dresser	34 66
M. C. Skelton	2 50
J. M. Dunnell	2 15
G. O. Dunnell	52 48
H. A. Johnson	35 00
E. J. Burrows	3 00
G. W. Piper	11 50
J. H. Crelan	3 50
Seminary	40 63
AUGUSI	
C. S. Tenney	38 95
E. Thornton	32 33
C. W. Stratton	18 00
J. L. Dunnell	55 00
John Dale	12 00
J. H. Crelan	28 00
G. O. Dunnell	27 50
Leach Brothers	74 00
G. W. Piper	14 00

F. H. Watson	17 33
H. A. Johnson	26 50
SEPTEMBER	
F. H. Watson	3 00
T. Quinlan	66 50
J. E. Quinlan	14 00
Seminary	95 44
E. H. Newton	36 65
Dana Fisher	31 50
O. S. Fisher	116 00
W. Atwood	24 00
G. W. Piper	27 50
C. S. Tenney	45 00
E. C. Perry	3 00
F. H. Watson	1 50
H. H. Crosier	18 00
OCTOBER	
H. Allen Lamb	6 40
G. O. Dunnell	21 50
H. A. Johnson	4 50
E. Thornton	18 55
NOVEMBER	
C. I. Holton	31 10
C. S. Tenney	27 85
H. H. Crosier	36 00
C. R. Nelson	1 00
G. W. Piper	32 00
DECEMBER	
G. O. Dunnell	55 75
John Dale	6 29
J. H. Dalton	43 35
H. A. Johnson	7 25
C. S. Tenney	52 50
C. A. Parker	26 52
C. I. Holton	9 00
Leach Bros.	49 00
	$3,440 32

PLANKS AND POSTS

N. E. Box Co.	60 32
L. R. Smith	82 46
Evans Bros.	36 04
S. J. Edson	44 97
C. R. Nelson	7 72
	$231 51

GRAVEL

E. C. Field	10	70
Do.	5	20
	$15	90

SUNDRIES

Robbins & Evans, Spikes		70
Evans Bros. Lumber,	4	50
Robbins & Evans, Salt		35
C. S. Tenney, Crossing Signs	13	00
N. E. Culvert Co., Culvert	71	82
F. J. Fox, Street Signs	4	00
Robbins & Evans, Supplies		60
C. E Williams, Lag Screws		85
H. H. Crosier, Signs	10	50
Robbins & Evans, Nails	3	20
N. E. Culvert Co., Culverts	100	32
A. M. Dunnell, Team Culvts.	4	75
J. M. Anderson, Repg. tools	4	95
Geo. Starbuck & Sons, Pipe	69	07
H. H. Crosier, Travel Exp.	18	00
H .A. Johnson, Scraper	17	00
Robbins & Evans, Nails	6	23
Do. Supplies	14	26
J. Whitmore, Dynamite	14	98
E. H. Starkey, Axle Grease		50
F. W. Doane, Warwick Bridg	1	00
	$360	58

Total Highway	$4,048	31
Appropriation	$3,500	00

CONTINGENT

SELECTMENS ACCOUNT

H. H. Crosier,	150	00
C. S. Tenney,	152	32
J. L. Dunnell	150	00
N. E. Telephone,		50
Do.		85
Hobbs & Warren, Permits etc.,		45
N. E. Telephone,		10
Do.	1	00
Do.	1	65
C. S. Tenney, Expense to Boston	37	50
N. E. Telephone,		40
Do.	1	10
Am. Express,	2	96

J. L. Dunnell,	50 00
N. E. Telephone	1 45
Do.,	1 35
Do.,	3 80
Do.,	1 90
Do.,	1 45
H. H. Crosier, Sundry Ex.	5 07
	$563 85

TREASURER & CLERK

Wards Record Book	5 41
C. T. Bagnall	9 46
Do.	5 95
Letters and Postage	58 00
Fees Etc.,	675 55
	$754 37

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

B. F. Field,	315 75
Bureau of Statistics	11 40
	$327 15

ASSESSORS

F. W. Williams, Stationary	25 00
M. T. Moore	5 00
A. W. Brownell	10 25
F. W. Williams,	198 95
	$239 20

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

F. W. Doane,	9 00
F. A. Holton	10 00
H. W. Russell,	3 00
J. Callaghan,	10 00
J. W. Field,	3 00
H. W. Russell,	3 00
J. W. Field,	6 00
H. W. Russell,	3 00
Bert C. Abbott,	9 00
F. H. Montague,	10 00
F. W. Doane,	9 00
R. D. Ware,	9 00
R. O. Leach,	3 00
C. E. Leach,	6 00
	$93 00

INSPECTOR OF MEATS

J. J. Fisher,	14 50
F. E. Heald,	79 00

Do.,	104 00
J. J. Fisher,	12 00
Do.,	4 50
F. E. Heaid,	31 00
	$245 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS

W. & L. E. Gurley,	1 31
Ginn & Co.,	3 60
W. & L. E. Gurley,	1 25
Do.,	3 36
M. C. Skilton,	63 78
	$73 30

TOWN HALL

G. O. Dunnell, Coal	157 83
Greenfield Electric,	5 68
Do.,	8 04
Alvin George,	1 35
Greenfield Electric,	3 30
H. M. Bristol, repairs	23 52
Greenfield Electric,	1 35
H. H. Mason, Janitor	23 60
Greenfield Electric,	65
Do.,	11 55
Do ,	1 35
H. H. Mason, Janitor	16 00
C. E. Williams,	1 70
A. S. Gordon, Insurance	38 55
Northfield Water Co.,	4 50
Greenfield Electric	7 26
Do ,	9 79
E. E. Aldrich, repairs	15 75
H. H. Mason	12 00
G. N. Kidder, Wood	16 50
D. R. Williams, Labor	2 00
Granite StateMachine Co.,rep.	5 89
L. S. Quinlan, Wood	6 00
Greenfield Electric,	3 60
A. A. Goldsmith, repairs	34 25
J. R. Colton, repirs	70 10
	$482 11

INSURANCE

Home Ins. Co., School No. 3	14 82
Aetna Ins. Co , School No. 4	37 05
E. M. Partridge, Farms	23 65
A. S. Gordon, No. 6	14 82

S. E. Walker, No. 9	9 40
	$99 74

SUNDRIES

Greenfield Electric, Lights Farms	1 00
Northfield Press, Printing	3 75
January Ploughing Sidewalk,	3 00
R. L. Dunnell,	2 00
J. M. Anderson, Rep. Hose House	1 50
F. A. Irish, Oil Bonfire	1 70
L. O. Clapp, Balance 1917	50 00
Town of Gill, Balance Munns Ferry	35 41
J. L. Dunnell, Stamps T. Report	12 00
Seminary, Ridge Fire	4 11
Press Printing Town Reports	298 10
Water Co., Belcher Fountain	57 00
Greenfield Electric Light, Farm	2 30
Seminary, Snow	3 00
District Court, Fines	26 13
H. M. Bristol, Rep. Fountain	2 57
A. M. Dunnell, Snow	3 00
District Court, Fines & Ex.	15 44
F. W. Doane, Fire Warden	3 00
Do., Farm Bureau	4 00
Do., Grass Fires	11 50
Bureau of Statistics, Stamp	4 00
Do., Revenue tax	3 20
Mass. Bond Ins. Co., Treas. Bond	48 00
A. S. Gordon Ex. to Boston R. R. hearing	19 10
Miss E. Thayer Water W. Nfield.	5 00
Soldiers Committee, Tablets	44 26
F. W. Doane, Inspect Seminary	5 00
G. W. Piper Fire	6 35
Town of Erving, Fire	10 00
R. Dresser, Damages	10 00
H. H. Crosier, Fire Inspection	2 00
Nfield. Fire Dept. Brushfire	18 50
F. W. Doane, Posting Warrant	6 00
District Court, Fines	46 23
Greenfield Savings Bank	2 40
Bureau of Statistics	2 00
S. E. Walker, Tax Collectors Bond	50 00
Water, Belcher Fountain	37 50
Bureau of Statistics,	4 00
Greenfield Savings, Rev. Stamp,	1 80
A. H. Irish, Rep. to Hearse	4 00

Eugene Irish, mowing Fountain	3 00
F. W. Doane, Expense to Boston	26 80
Do.,	31 00
Greenfield Electric Light, Farms	2 85
Fire Department, Fire Vernon	11 00
G. N. Kidder, Fumigating	35 10
Press Printing	9 50
A. H. Holton, Fountain	3 00
A. E. Holton, Light Farms Hall	2 10
Fire Department Service,	107 00
Bureau of Statistics, Notes	4 00
Farms Hall Light	75
G. N. Kidder, Fumigating	11 60
Boy Rangers, Town Clock	25 00
F. W. Doane, Fire Warden	25 00
Press, Bill Heads	9 60
Revenue Tax Note,	14
J. M. Anderson, Repairs	2 15
E. C. Field, Water Farms	5 00
	$1,184 44

HIGHLAND AVENUE

Sundry, Persons for Teams and Labor	$517 40
Appropriated	$500 00

GULF ROAD RAILING

G. W. Piper and others for Labor etc ,	$190 90
Appropriated	$250 00

CUTTING BRUSH

A. H. Holton and others for Labor	$ 92 50
Appropriated	$100 00

MILL BROOK

G. O. Dunnell and others for teams	
Labor, etc.,	$148 00
Appropriated	$150 00

WEST NORTHFIELD SCHOOL

F. E. Aldrich,	$180 96
W. A. Morse Paint	$ 93 50
C. L. Johnson, Lumber	$176 50
	$450 96
Appropriated	$700 00

SCHOOL NO. 4 FARMS

Starbuck Co.,	$459 00
Do., Pumps	$ 81 20
Sundry, Labor and material	$126 05
	$666 25
Appropriated	$300 00

Balance from 1918	$212 00
	$512 00

CEMETERIES

Sundry Expenses	$442 42
Appropriation	$150 00
Interest etc. rec.	$634 61
	$784 61

LIBRARY

Sundry Expenses,	$1,341 68
Appropriation,	$ 300 00
Interest etc.,	$ 738 66
	$1,038 66

SCHOOLS

Sundry Expense	$13,244 84
Appropriation	$10,000 00
Revolving Fund	$ 1,000 00
Interest Tuition etc.,	$ 2 183 24
	$13,183 24

POOR

Board and Care	$504 83
Medical Aid	$ 46 95
Hospital Fees	$551 26
Supplies	$421 43
	$1,524 47
Due from State about	$410 00

FIRE EQUIPMENT

Paid for apparatus	$434 55
State Forrester	$ 49 68
F. A. Irish Supplies	$ 2 73
	$486 96

The State refunds half this amount.

ESTATE A. M. ALEXANDER

E. E. Aldrich, for repairs	$195 03
Evans Brothers	$ 33 65
J. M. Anderson	$ 1 25
Northfield Water Co.,	$ 14 56
	$244 49
Balance to Cr. 1918	$570 56
Rent recd. 1919	$150 00
	$720 56

MUNNS FERRY

C. E. Williams, Supplies	4 65
F. E. Shantley, Ferryman	$150 00

C. A. Parker, Labor	$19 00
	$173 65

Gill pays half this amt. and we pay half expense Morgans Ferry.

MEMORIAL DAY

Flags and Markers	$15 90
Drum Corps	37 50
Speaker	20 00
Refreshments	33 25
Auto hire	21 00
Flowers Express etc.,	8 00
	135 65
Returned	14 35
	$150 00
Appropriated	$150 00

STATE AID

Sundry Persons	$272 00
Recd. from State	$272 00

MILLERS BROOK BRIDGE

W. H. Bettcher, Contract	$4,364 00
L. R Simth, Plank	211 52
Evans Bros., Plank	18 55
Teams, Labor etc.	232 13
	$4,826 20
Amt. appropriated	$4,576 49

WARWICK AVE. SIDEWALK

Labor and teams	$182 33
Appropriated	$200 00

TREE WARDEN

Sundry Labor	$149 25
Appropriated	$150 00

STREET SPRINKLING

Standard Oil Co., Oil	$1,032 08
Do., Machine Work	480 00
Sundry Labor	14 50
	$1,526 58
Appropriated	$1,620 00

STREET LIGHTS

Greenfield Electric	$2,145 00
Balance from 1918	$ 495 14
Appropriated	$1,650 00
	$2,145 14

RECAPITULATION

DR.

Schools	$13,244 84
Library	1,341 68
Cemetaries	442 42
Highway	4,048 31
Contingent	4,062 16
Street Lights	2,145 00
Street Sprinkling	1,526 58
Millers Brook Bridge	4,826 20
Warwick Ave.	182 33
Tree Warden	149 25
Highland Ave.	517 40
Gulf Road Railing	190 90
Cutting Brush	92 50
Mill Brook	148 00
W. Northfield School	450 96
School No. 4	1,054 25
Poor	1,524 47
Fire Equipment	486 96
Alexander Estate	244 49
Munns Ferry	173 65
Memorial Day	150 00
State Aid	272 00
Temporary Loans	20,000 00
Interest	822 60
Loan Account	1,100 00
Bonded Debt	2,000 00
Interest on Do.	1170 00
County Tax	3,442 13
State Tax	4,323 60
School Pysician	50 00
Tax Collector	150 00
Old Home Day	100 00
Tax Rebates '17 and '18	583 28
	$71,015 96
Cash Dec. 31, 1919	$11,381 59
	$82,397 55

RECAPITULATION

CR.

Balance Dec. 31, 1918	$ 9,694 38
Temporary Loans	20,000 00
Loan Account	9,700 00
Taxes 1917 Balance	640 92
Taxes 1918 Balance	3.270 80
Taxes 1919	33,050 00
Schools	2,133 24
Cemetery	529 94
Library	738 66
Return Taxes	1,191 50
Interest	119 57
Cemetery Lots	150 00
Alexander Rents	150 00
Street Sprinkling	320 00
Licenses	15 00
Fines	21 06
Fighting Fires	29 50
Sealer Weights	43 82
Inspector Animals	39 50
On Account Poor	25 00
State Aid	306 00
Return Old Home Day	48 36
Return Memorial Day	14 35
Old Bridge Plank	15 10
Town Hall Rents	108 00
Farms Hall Rents	17 35
School House Lot	25 00
	$82,397 55

Northfield Water Company

Assets—	
Plant Account—Old—	$8,512 50
New Construction	2,500 00
	$11,012 50
Cash	258 43
	$11,270 93
Liabilities—	
Capital Stock	$2,000 00
Outstanding notes	3,700 00
Accounts Payable	1,776 73
	$7,476 73
Balance to profit and loss	$3,794 20
Income, Fixture rates	$1,039 17
Guarantee on new construction	120 00
	$1,159 17
Paid out—	
Taxes, Interest, on liabilities, claims, repairs and general operating expense	$1,097 91
Balance to profit and loss	$61 26

Martha W. Alexander Fund

The amount of this fund is $8,525 invested as follows:

Franklin Savings Institution	$4,200 00
Springfield Institution of Savings	1,000 00
Crocker Institution for Savings	825 00
Greenfield Savings Bank	1,500 00
Orange Savings Bank	1,000 00

We have received as interest the past year the sum of $385.24, which we have disbursed according to the provision of the will.

FRANK H. MONTAGUE
CHARLES L. ROBBINS
CHARLES C. STEARNS
Trustees.

Assessors' Report

Value of Assessed real Estate	$1,367,051 00
Value of Assessed personal Estate	$ 304,520 00
Number of polls assessed 442.	
Number of polls Exempt 71.	

AMOUNTS RAISED BY TOWN

Memorial day	150 00
Tree Warden	150 00
School Physician	50 00
Bennett Meadow Bridge Debt	1630 00
Mem. Hall and High School Debt	1540 00
Road Oil	1200 00
Highways	3500 00
Millers Brook Bridge loan	1100 00
Schools	10000 00
Library	300 00
Contingent and Poor	4500 00
Street Lighting	1650 00
Tax Coll. Salary	200 00
Farms Hall and School Sanitation	300 00
Cutting Brush	100 00
Highland Ave. Road	500 00
Sidewalk Warwick Ave.	200 00
Fire Dept.	250 00
Rep. on Mill Brook Bridge	150 00
Railing on Gulf road	250 00
West N. School Repairs	700 00
Franklin Co. Farm Bureau	100 00
	$2,8520 00
State Tax	$3,630 00
Highway Tax	427 80
Soldier Tax	217 80
County Tax	3.442 13
	$7,717 73
Loss from Intangables	495 00
	$7,222 73
Overlay	$1,415 81
	$8,638 54
Grand total	$37,158 54
Raised on Polls	$ 884 00
Raised on Personal Est.	6,608 74

Raised in Real Est.		$29.665 80
		$37,158 54
Amount raised Dec. assessment on real Estate	$109 06	
On Personal Estate	7 06	
On Polls Estate	4 00	
	$120 12	

Rate per $1,000 $21 70

F. W. WILLIAMS,
J. L. HAMMOND,
C. E. LEACH,
Assessors of Northfield.

Report of Library Trustees

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library beg leave to submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1919:

The Library building was dedicated and opened to the Public in June, 1898. Since that time, until last September the interior of the building including the book stacks and books had never been cleaned adequately and thoroughly.

To do this properly (and as it should be done each year) it was considered economy by the Trustees to buy a vacum cleaner.

Besides this the floors were becoming worn so that something was necessary to be done to preserve them, else in a few years new floors would be required at a considerable expense.

It was voted by the Trustees that the Janitor (who had full knowledge of such needs and work) should make necessary repairs accordingly, he has covered the floors, except the stack room, with a filler followed by valspar varnish and laid linoleum between and around the book stacks. All this has subtracted from the funds otherwise available for the purchase of books and periodicals.

While the aforementioned work was being done, it was necessary to close the library to the public. The result is a much more attractive library and reading room.

It is increasingly evident that tnis educational medium in our midst is more appreciated by the Public each year.

By the will of the late Mrs. N. Janet Hamlin the library

was given a beautiful art piece of Japanese needle work in silk, on felt.

It represents two Japanese female figures and is an exquisite art addition to our library. Your Trustees have arranged for a small bookstack to hold volumes publised by any one who is, or has been a, resident of Northeld.

Many such volumes have already been contributed We invite all to give us information regarding such publications.

In the removal from Northfield of Mrs. Blanch M. Welch, your Trustees loose a valuable member from their Board.

Her familiarity with library methods and her knowledge of books and literature made her especially helpful as a Trustee. Her term of office expires this year.

Appended is the financial report and the report of the Librarian.

The Trustees ask for an appropriation of $300.00 for the ensuing year.

N. P. Wood.
George L. Thompson,
F. L. Daley,
R. H. Philbrick,
S. Catherine Richardson,
Blanch M. Welch.
Library Trustees.

LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1918	$ 51 00
Appropriated	$300 00
Interest received	$737 00
	$1,088 00
Overdrawn	253 98
	$1,341 98

EXPENDED

Librarian	$313 50
Janitor	211 00
Books	156 48
Magazines	61 00
Bindings	2 25
Fuel	286 68
Light	53 03
Sundry repairs, supplies and Labor	258 04
	$1341 98

LIBRARIANS REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1919

Volumes in library last report	8,553
Purchased last year	117
Given last year	18
Volumes bound	5
Total in library	8,693
Number of familie's patrons	242
Number of individual patrons	122
Number of books taken by families	13,067
Number of books taken by schools	174
Number of books taken by visitors	358
Magazines circulated	2,100
Total circulation	15,699

Balance on hand last report	$26 67
Fines collected	$18 97
Paid for paper and magazines	34 67
Express, postage and cards	4 57
Incidentals	5 29
Balance	2 11

Publication subscribed for	41
Publications given	12
Number of readers using room	2940

BOOKS GIVEN

Mrs. Ida Harris	1
Mrs. L. M. Sturtevant	2
Miscellanious book	15

RELICS

M. S. Mead, old Bible
H. S. Stone, bullet mould
Mrs. Hamlin, embroidered picture
Misses Eastman, Views and holders

Mrs. C. A. RANDALL,
Librarian.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

We, the Cemetery Commissioners of Northfield submit our report for the past year.

We find that some of the fences need painting but at the high cost of paint and labor we have decided not to recommend it this year.

The lots in Central Cemetery are nearly all sold, and the Commissioners would recommend that the town should look after a suitable place in 1920.

The wage paid for care of Cemeteries was $3 00 per day.

We ask for an appropriation of $150.00 to help care for the Cemetery 1920.

Balance on hand from 1918	$104 67
1919 Appropriation	150 00
Interest Funds	358 33
	$612 90

PAID FOR CARE OF CEMETERIES

Central Labor	$328 32
Water	6 00
Farms Cemetery	56 00
West Northfield	47 60
Mountain	4 50
Balance on hand	170 48
	$612 90

Unpaid Bills $66 00

Received and turned over to the Town Treasurer for sale of lots. $150.00

C. I. HOLTON,
F. V. WOOD,
GEORGE N. KIDDER,
Cemetery Commissioners.

Report of School Committee

For The Year Ending Dec. 31, 1919.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ralph O. Leach	1920
Daniel MacD. Ross, Clerk	1921
Frank L. Duley, Chairman	1922

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Elmer F. Howard

Fred W. Doane, Attendance Officer

Frank Perould, Janitor at Center.

CALENDER FOR SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools close	March 12, 1920
High School closes	March 19, 1920
All Schools open	March 29, 1920
Elementary Schools close	June 4, 1920
Graduation	June 17, 1920
High School closes	June 18, 1920
All Schools open	Sept. 6, 1920
Elementary Schools close	Dec. 17, 920
High School closes	Dec. 22, 1920
All Schools open	Jan. 3, 1921

School No. 6 will be held at most suitable periods independent of this Callender.

SCHEDULE OF SALARIES

School year Sept. '19 to June '20.

HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Sasie Allen, Principal	$1,500 00
Mary N. Bowles, Assistant	800 00
Gertrude Callender, Assistant	800 00
Sylvia Hawes, Assistant	800 00

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Nellie Allen	$800 00
Katharine Callaghan	650 00
Mary E. Dalton	550 00
Viola E Haven	550 00
Clara B. Atherton	550 00
Ella M. Lewis	550 00
Helen M. Parker	550 00
Gertrude M. Andrews	550 00
Carrie G. Britton	550 00
Marion Shattuck	300 00

JANITOR, Frank Perould, per month $50.00.

TRANSPORTATION

G. H. Lyman, per month	$45 00
John H. Black, per month	40 00
A. S. French, per month	40 00

RESOURCES

Town Appropriations	$10,000 00
School Physician	50 00
Dog Fund	65 40
Mass. School Fund	593 53
Surplus Revenue	72 81
Belcher Interest	105 50
Tuition	238 50
On account of Superintendent	437 50
Salaries reimbursed	620 00
Revolving Fund	1,000 00
	$13,183 24
Due from A. M. D. A. Fund	$60 00
Due from State for High School	764 29
Adverse balance	960 38
	$14,967 91

EXPENDITURES

Superintendent	$ 912 91
Supervisor	330 00
Teachers	8,600 69
Janitors	913 25
Transportations	1,662 12
Books and Supplies	539 50
Fuel	1,255 12
Repairs	293 45
Miscellanious	410 87
School Physician	50 00
	$14,967 91

This list includes all the bills approved for payment by the School Committee, though some of them are not paid.

The total expenditure for schools approved by the School Committee is shown to be	$14, 967 91
Total Credits returned to School Account by Town Accountant is	13,183 24
Total Deficit is	$1,784 67
There is to the credit of the schools due from State for High School	$764 29
From A M D. Alexander Fund for heat and janitor	60 00
	$824 29

These have been received since Dec. 31, 1919

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL

Superintendent of Schools, Elmer F. Howard, 14 mo. at $58.34,	$816 66
11 mo. expense at $8.75	96 25
	$912 91
Supervisor Marion Shattuck, 11 mo.	$330 00

TEACHERS

Sasie E. Allen, 5½ mo. at $100 4 mo. at $150.	$1,250 00
Mary N. Bowles	761 25
Sylvia Hawes	701 25
Gertrude Callender	60 00
Nellie Allen	763 25
Katharine Callaghan	746 59
Mary E. Dalton	629 05
Viola E. Haven	629 05
Clara B. Atherton	629 05
Florence Howard	400 00
Ella M. Lewis	229 05
Evelyn C. Dagle	400 00
Helen M. Parker	229 05
Carrie G. Britton	544 05
Lucy C. Nutter	400 00
Gertrude Andrews	229 05
	$8,600 69

JANITORS

Frank Perould, Center	$600 50
Southard Menzel, East	80 00
Royal Brayant, East	53 00
Evelyn C. Dagle, No. 3	27 00
Lucy Nutter, Farms	24 00
Carrie G. Britton, No. 6	12 00
Gertrude Andrews, Farms	11 25
Helen Parker	11 25
C. I. Holton, West	87 75
Charles F. Field, Cleaning No. 3	5 00
George Webster No. 3	1 50
	$913 25

TRANSPORTATION

G. H. Lyman, No. 3	$490 50
J. H. Black, No. 9 Bennet Bridge	367 40
T. W. Johnson, West	250 00
A. S. French, West	160 00
C.V.R.R. for several children	50 08
A. Richter, No. 5	100 00

C. E. Tenney for Eva Maxwell	$32 00
George B. Piper, No. 6	35 00
O. S. Fisher, No. 5	64 60
R. W. Billings, R. R. Tickets	2 54
	$1,662 12

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

MacMillan Co.	$ 85
B. H. Sanborn Co.	46 53
L. E. Knot Apparatus Co.	6 14
Breckley Candy Co.	1 00
E. E. Babb & Co.	371 09
C. C. Birchard	12 66
Mary N. Bowles for domestic Science Supplies	14 49
American Book Co.	1 11
J. L. Hammet Co.	4 37
Houghton Mufflin Co.	1 24
A. S. Barnes Co.	2 79
A. W. Shaw Co.	1 50
D. C. Heath & Co.	40 80
The Bookstore	5 39
Silver Burdette Co.	61
Ginn & Co.	28 93
	$539 50

FUEL

G. O. Dunnell	$950 59
H. E. Hallett	3 00
E. Stratton, Labor	2 00
G. H. Lyman, Carting	6 00
Fisher and Ware, Labor	4 00
G. N. Kidder	82 98
Pearl Starkey	9 75
George H. Smith	52 80
S. J. Edson	60 00
O. S. Fisher	60 00
Evans Bros.	10 00
H. E. Hallett	14 00
	$1,255 12

REPAIRS

R. L Dunnell, Batteries etc.	$1 00
A. M. Dunnell, Batteries etc.	6 20
H. L. Brigham, painting pillor at H. S.	9 21
Brian Heater Co. Rep. to furnace	16 52
Readsboro Chair Co., New iron	10 50
C. L. Johnson, miscellaneous repairs	89 92
H. M. Bristol, repairs to furnace	129 30

H. H. Chamberlin, Book Case	$15 30
H. A. Lamb, plastering at E. Northfield and Center	15 50
	$293 45

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Greenfield Elec. Light & Pow. Co.	$13 81
F. A Irish Domestic Sci. Sup.	2 40
Robbins & Evans. bill	17 65
G. N Kidder, bill	5 50
T. H. Parker, express, freight, trucking	16 91
Alvin George, Supplies for high school and graduation reception	31 28
The Bookstore	65
F. W. Harness, repairs	1 00
Geo. Webster, labor	2 00
Northfield Press	36 80
J. A. Park Co. Music	3 72
C. E. Williams, bill	31 84
E. F. Howard, postage, telephone, telegraph, travel etc.	39 88
Northfield Water Co.	111 93
E. Northfield Water Co.	18 35
C. I. Holton, items of supply and service at West Northfield	53 97
D. E. F. Radasch, oil for floors	16 00
G. E. L. & Co.	4 25
Am. Ex. Co.	2 93
	$410 87

OBLIGATIONS AGAINST THE TOWN NOT EXPRESSED BY BILL

According to our custom we have had the week of Christmas as a vacation period in the High School and the week preceeding that in the Elementary Schools. All schools commencing the Monday after Christmas, so that three days of school were held in the year 1919 but pay rolls covering those days are not made until the later part of January 1920. The estimates of expenditure are made to include these days in the expense of 1920. There are obligations that over lap the year. The transportation from No. 5 is paid at the close of the School year in June, and some bills come in too late for approval and payment before the accounts are closed; also bills for supplies etc., are occassionally delayed until the beginning of the new year.

There is an obligation for several cords of slabs for which no bill has been received.

The following bills are on hand not yet approved for payment:

C. E. Williams	$17 37
Clinton Ware	75
Leach Bros., 5 cords of wood	40 00
E. E. Babb & Co.	11 37
E. E. Babb & Co.	26 92
G. O. Dunnell	24 48
C. L. Johnson	47 32

There are considerable amounts of coal on hand and about $200 of tuition for which no bills have as yet been rendered.

An Estimate of the Expenditures for the Year 1920

Superintendent of Schools	$787 50
Supervisors	300 00
Principal of High School	1,500 00
High School teachers	1,700 00
Grammer School teachers	850 00
Eight Elementary teachers at $650,	5200 00
Center Janitor	550 00
East Janitor	100 00
West Janitor	100 00
Three other Janitors	72 00
Transportation No. 3	450 00
West Northfield	400 00
Bennett Meadow	360 00
No. 6 winter at $5 00 from Dec. 1, 1919.	60 00
Farms by C. V. R. R.	200 00
From No. 5	60 00
Fuel	1,200 00
Books and Supplies	800 00
Ordinary repairs	300 00
Miscellaneous expenses	400 00
	$15,389 50

The above estimate is made at lower salaries than may be required.

An Estimate of Income that may Reduce the Amount to be Raised for Schools

Mass. School Fund	$1,900 00
Superintendent of Schools	437 50
High School Grant	750 00

Reimbursement on Salaries	$1,400 00
Tuition estimated	400 00
Belcher bequest	100 00
U. S. Deposit money	64 00
Alexander Hall allowance	60 00
Dog Fund	100 00
	$5,711 50

This amount deducted from the estimate of expenditures leaves a little less than $10,500.00. It would seem a good policy to make an appropriation some what larger than is actually required.

In other years the income of the Massachusetts School Fund has been contributed to the towns for school purposes and did not need to be appropriated. This year it must be appropriated. Infact the safe course for the town is to appropriate the full amount required and reduce the amount to be raised by taxation according to the income from the various other sources as shown above.

Respectfully submitted,
F. L. DULEY, Chairman
D. McD. ROSS,
R. O. LEACH,
School Committtee.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

To the School Committee of Northfield:-

I have the honor to submit this report.

Gentlemen:-

The data following is taken from the School Returns to the State for the year ending June 30, 1919.

Superintendents 1, Supervisors 1, Principals 1, Teachers High School 2, Teachers, Elementary Schools 9. Pupils enrolled, High School 60. Pupils enrolled, Elementary Schools 259, Non-resident pupils 14. Aggregate Attendance, High School 8,606. Aggregate Attendance, Elementary Schools 32,532. Average number of days of School 166. Average membership High School 55. Average membership Elementary Schools 225.

Persons 5 to 7:	Boys, 26	Girls, 20	Total 46
Persons 7 to 14:	Boys, 103	Girls, 104	Total 207
Persons 14 to 16:	Boys, 12	Girls, 18	Total 30

Illiterate Minors 0. Different illiterate minors to whom employment certificate were issued 0. Number of grades in Elementary Schools 8. Number of grades in High School 4.

Membership in Public Schools by grades:
Grade 1, 19: Grade 2, 15: Grade 3, 26: Grade 4, 26: Grade 5, 44: Grade 6, 27: Grade 7, 18: Grade 8, 30: HIGH SCHOOL,— First year, 20: Second year, 27 Third year, 8: Fourth year, 5: Total membership April 1st, 1919, 265 Teachers graduated from College, 2: Teachers graduated Normal, School 2: Teachers graduated High School, 8.

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND

The income of this fund will come here after on March 10, and will be distributed for the first time under the provisions of Part 2 of the same law alluded to above on March 10, 1920.

Reimbursements for Teachers Salaries

Under General Acts. Chapter 363 of 1919 reimbursement may be received from the State for salaries paid as follows:—

For every salary of $650, $100:

For every salary of $750 paid to a teacher who has had one year at Normal School and three years of experience or who is a graduate of a Normal School and has had one year of experience, or who has had preparation and experience accepted in liew of the above $150

For every Salary of $850 paid to a teacher who is a graduate of College or Normal School and has had two years of experience, or who has preparation and experience accepted in liew of the above $200. Under this law this town received on November 15, 1919, $620.

With two exceptions, the salaries in the elementary schools last year were $550. If they had been $650, the additional $100 would have been returned to the town by the State. These salaries have not been increased for this school year but sufficient appropriations should be made at the next Town Meeting to make an increase to $650 possible, such increase to date from Sept. 1, 1918. Three teachers now have a salary of $800. If this is increased to $850, the the additional $50 will be reimbursed by the State. This appropriation should be made to apply from Sept. 1, 1918.

The difficulty in obtaining teachers appears likely to continue for several years, and it is probable that every town will find it necessary to establish $650 as a minimum salary and to increase that to $750 and then to $850 as soon as the teacher is qualified to secure $150 and $200 of reimbursement.

In addition to the reimbursement indicated above, the law provides supplementary reimbursement for towns of low valuation per pupil, but no such reimbursement may be

received by any town having $4,500 or more for each pupil in its net average membership. The valuation per pupil in Northfield is considerably in excess of that sum.

CONCLUSION

We are confronting new conditions in the maintenance of our schools; conditions not peculiar to this town but universal in this country. Teachers salaries, the principal item in the school expense, will never return to their former level, and other school expenditures must keep step with the high prices for service and supplies of every kind. The school officials will excercise good economy so far as possible, but they can not reduce expense in the face of conditions now existing Our salaries are probably at their minimum today. I see no reason to expect that they can long be retained at their present rate. The new law will aid us materially in the re-adjustment sure to come, and we should be in a position to take every advantage possible of the funds thus made available.

Additional reports are appended to which your careful attention is directed.

With gratitude to the people for their support to the School Committee for their careful and candid direction of my efforts, and to the teachers for their loyalty, I submit this report.

Respectfully,
ELMER F. HOWARD,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. E. F. Howard, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report of the High School.

It has been, I think, a year of progress as a result of faithful, earnest work on the part of all. The student body shows marked development in self-reliance, self respect and devotion to work. The membership, thus far, this year, is ninety five, the upper classes being about the same as last year but a somewhat smaller number in the sub-freshmen room. The teachers number the same as last year and with but one change. At Thanksgiving time, Miss. Hawes, instructor in French and Latin, resigned and her place has been taken by Miss Callender. We find, as formerly, the

pupils a delightful group and it is a constant source of satisfaction and pl asure to aid them in their studies and in the formation of right habits and principles.

The percentage of attendance is excellent, indeed, considering the long distance that the pupils have to come and their determination to reach school every day in spite of rain and cold, proves their interest in acquiring an education.

Fortunately we have been free this year from all epidemics or prolonged illness of any sort. "Hard Colds" interfere somewhat but this is the toll that New England weather demands for its variety. The parents generally show that they appreciate the importance of regular attendance, but, we wish there might be more careful supervision of their children's home study. For some reason, or for many perhaps, many children do not know how to study; they lack concentration and definite purpose. Home direction would aid the school in this matter.

A beginning towards a Commercial department has been made by adding to the curriculum a course in Bookkeeping and Business arithmetic. The eagerness with which a large class has entered upon this work shows that a long felt want is met and deeply appreciated. We hope typewriters may be added next year.

A course in Mediaeval history is another addition and forms the proper link between our Ancient and Modern courses.

Throughout the year our weekly Thursday morning assemblies have been red letter days to us because of the many fine lectures, readings and musicals that we have enjoyed. Friends of the school in this and other towns have been exceedingly kind about coming in to speak to us and their words of wisdom and varied experience have been not alone entertaining but an inspiration as well, toward a high plane of thinking and living.

A splendid beginning has been made towards a school library. Money was given by the school, also by the Ladies' club and by Mrs. Gordon's club girls. Many books and magazines also have been contributed by various friends. These books are put to good use being of especial help in the reference line also in cultivating a taste for the right kind of reading. More reference books are much needed.

Three, large, beautiful pictures were given to the school last spring by the graduating class, a gift, that has added much to the attraction of the Assembly hall.

In May, the Senior class gave a very successful play "Esmeralda", and with the money thus earned had a motor trip to Boston, Concord, Lexington and Quincy. The histor-

ical knowledge, as well as general benefit thus gained, will prove of lasting good.

Altogether, we think the High school in good shape, doing a good work. To be sure there are some discouraging features, but these are more than offset by the encouraging ones.

Many parents and other friends have visited the school from time to time for which we are glad and only wish that many more would come.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Mr. Superintendent, and all the good friends of the town who have helped us along the way.

Respectfully submitted,

SAISIE E. ALLEN

HOME ECONOMICS REPORT

Supt. E. F. Howard, East Northfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Howard:-

In response to your request I would submit the following report of the home economics work in the Northfield High School.

The work this year in both the sewing class and the cooking class is somewhat different from that of last year. The classes are composed of eight girls of senior or junior rank, part of whom took the work last year and two of whom are beginners. For the former I try to plan work not previously covered. This year we shall be able to accomplish much more work than last year as we trust we shall not be handicapped by the loss of so many weeks of school.

The first work done by the cooking class in the fall was the canning of about forty jars of vegetables, including tomatoes, carrots and beets. The raw products for this were contributed by several of our friends who are interested in our work. We also made a few glasses of jelly, trying out different proportions of sugar. After completeing these problems, we began to serve lunches on Tuesdays, and Thursday according to the plan of the previous year. Although this started very successfully, it occurred to us that we might be able to serve more children in another way. Accordingly we changed from the regular fifteen-cent lunch to a plan somewhat on the line of the cafateria. At present we are serving three different dishes, usually two hot dishes and a dessert, at five cents each. This scheme seems to be working very well and we hope and expect that more children will take advantage of it during the winter.

In sewing, the girls have made towels and pillow cases and have completed two undergarments beside doing

home handwork. The first problem of the more advanced pupils was the making of a shirtwaist. As a result we had some very attractive waist. The next problem was the remodeling of a wool garment a skirt or a dress. Two of the girls were very successful in making-over dresses; others remodeled skirts; and a few made wool skirts. Some very pretty Christmas gifts have been made in class and a little work has been done for the Red Cross. We greatly appreciate the new sewing machine which was added to our equipment last year. For the remainder of the year the girls are to be free to choose what they will do, speed as well as good work being their aim. An exhibit of work will probably be held later in the year.

In both courses it is my aim to arouse the girls' interest and to give them work which will be practical and helpful. It is a source of great encouragement when I find that they are putting into practise at home some of the things I have tried to teach them in class.

Respectfully submitted,
MARY N. BOWLES.

DRAWING REPORT

Mr. E. F. Howard, Superintendent of Schools:
Dear Sir:

I submit my second report for the supervision of drawing in the Northfield Schools.

The fall work was nearly all nature work. This year we did more with the crayon and water color than with the free hand cutting as we did last year.

In the upper grade we drew landscapes in color and nature drawing in ink silhouette.

The teachers in the district schools are working along the same lines and for help they have purchased "The Industrial Art Texts Books." There are books for all grades and each one has something about each of the following subjects; Color; Design and color; Commercial Design; Costume Design; Interior Decoration; Domestic Art; Constructive Design; Object Drawing; Nature Drawing; and applies it all in a very practical way.

Again I thank the teachers for their willing and splendid help.

Respectfully submitted,
MARION W. SHATTUCK,
Drawing Supervisor.

MUSIC REPORT

Mr. E. F. Howard, Superintendent of Schools:
Dear Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to submit my second report as supervisor of music in the Northfield Schools.

The work is progressing and I feel that the boys and girls are nearly up to grade according to the plan I laid out.

This year in additions to the technique and songs, I want the boys and girls to know a little about the people that write the songs. This will be presented in story form and made as interesting as possible.

In one grade this year we have had a new set of books, they are being used and enjoyed very much.

The 7th and 8th grades are working on a cantata "Ye Little Old Folks' Concert" by Polly Simpkins. This we hope to give sometime in the spring.

The Boys Glee Club is still with us, we have 32 members. Our most important work at present is an Operetta. "The Bogus School Inspector." We know you will enjoy seeing it later.

One new organization is a Girls' Glee Club and we are preparing "The College Girl and the Milkmaid" to entertain you some night.

I wish to thank my teachers for their splendid help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
MARION W. SHATTUCK,
Music Supervisor.

Teachers, June 1919

Teachers	School	Enrolment					Aggregate Attendance	Average Attendance	Average Membership
		Total Membership	Between 5 and 7	Between 7 and 14	Between 14 and 16	Over 16			
Susie E. Allen	Grammar School	44	0	31	9		5524	33	36
"	High School	61	0	6	28		8606	52	55
Katherine Callaghan	Center Grammar	30	0	27	1	1	3515	22	24
Mary E. Dalton	Center Primary	42	17	24	0	0	4645	29	33
Viola E. Haven	East Grammar	25	0	26	2	0	3568	22	23
Clara B. Atherton	East Primary	42	10	32	0	0	4715	28	34
Florence Howard	West Northfield	31	6	23	0	0	3338	21	26
Evelyn C. Dagle	No. 3	21	2	19	0	0	2580	15	17
Lucy C. Nutter	Farms	32	7	20	2	0	3550	21	24
Carrie G. Britton	No. 6	8	1	7	0	0	1097	6	7
		336	43	215	42	27	41138	249	274